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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Claus Speth, M.D.
License No.: MA40748

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon the petition of Claus Speth, M.D. ("Respondent") to reinstate his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

On October 28, 1997, a jury convicted Dr. Speth of the criminal offense of witness tampering, contrary to N.J.S.A. 2C:28-5. A Judgment of Conviction was entered on December 5, 1997 and Dr. Speth was sentenced to probation for two years. On February 24, 1998 the Attorney General by way of Order to Show Cause and Verified Administrative Complaint sought the suspension or revocation of Dr. Speth's medical license alleging that his conviction evidenced violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and N.J.S.A. 45:9-6. Dr. Speth filed an Answer on March 16, 1998 in which he denied the majority of the allegations.

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On June 10, 1998, the date scheduled for the administrative hearing, the Attorney General and Dr. Speth entered into an Interim Order of voluntary surrender of his license pending respondent's appeals of his conviction. The Attorney General's Verified Complaint remains pending for final resolution.

Dr. Speth appeared before a Committee of the Board on November 19, 2003 seeking restoration of licensure or a hearing to determine the status of his licensure. At that time he reported that he had exhausted his ability to appeal the conviction, and had served the probationary period that resulted from the criminal conviction.

The parties, having agreed to the resolution of this matter without further formal proceedings, and Respondent having agreed and given his voluntary consent to the within Order, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown,

IT IS, therefore on this 11th day of January, 2006

ORDERED THAT

1. The period of time during which Dr. Speth's license was surrendered is hereby deemed a period of seven years and six (6) months active suspension which shall terminate upon entry of the within Order.

2. Claus Speth, M.D. be and hereby is reprimanded for the behavior underlying his conviction for witness tampering in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-5 which constituted a conviction for a crime or offense relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and N.J.S.A. 45:9-6.

3. The license of Claus Speth, M.D. to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey shall be and is hereby reinstated to active status upon entry of the within Order and subject to an additional two (2) year period of probation.

4. Dr. Speth's practice of medicine shall be limited to forensic medicine only until further Order of the Board.

5. Dr. Speth shall pay costs of investigation in the amount of \$471.69 and a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,000 for a total of \$6,471.69 which shall be paid by means of certified check or money order made payable to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners to be remitted contemporaneously with his submission of this Order.

6. Dr. Speth shall complete the Addendum attached hereto and remit it contemporaneously with his submission of this Order.

7. The allegations set forth in the Verified Complaint of February 24, 1998 are fully resolved and adjudicated by entry of this Consent Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Sindy M. Paul, MD, MPH

Sindy M. Paul, MD, MPH
Board President

I have read the within Order
and agree to its terms.

Claus P. Speth, M.D.
Claus Speth, M.D. 12-13-05

I hereby consent to the form and
entry of the within Order.

Angelo Falciani, Esq.
Angelo Falciani, Esq. 12-13-05